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NHA UPDATE **March 11, 2016**

Save the Date
NHA's Annual Pontoon Boat Tour on Spring Creek
Friday, April 8, 2016
Tour will begin at 10:00 a.m.
Location: Nature Center in Jesse H. Jones Park
(20634 Kenswick Dr., Humble, 77338)
Seating is limited. To attend, email melissa.carter@north-houston.com

Regional News

United Airlines Confirms Move to Houston Trophy Tower
Chicago-based **United Airlines Inc**. will move its Houston-area headquarters to **Hines'** 609 Main building that is under construction in downtown Houston. United Airlines confirmed the move to the Houston Business Journal. The airline carrier signed a lease for 225,000 square feet. 609 Main is a major project for the downtown Houston skyline. The project is expected to be completed sometime in 2017. United Airlines is the No. 11 largest employer for downtown Houston with 1,600 employees. Its downtown offices are currently located at 1600 Smith Street and 600 Jefferson, according to Houston Business Journal.

Greenspoint District Restructures to Continue Commitment to Area's Growth
The Greenspoint District recently announced several staffing changes in response to the area's long-term needs. Two new faces have joined the District staff, and four employees have new roles in the organization. "This year, the district reaches a milestone of 25 years of service to this community and it's important that we are prepared to build upon the work that has been accomplished," said Greg Simpson, who joined the district as president in August 2015. **Robert Fiederlein** is joining the District in a newly-created position, vice president of Strategic Planning and Development. The organization also welcomed back **Shelia Redmon-Jones**, as the Director of Marketing and Public Affairs and **Amy Craig**, who is returning to the marketing team as Brand Manager and Graphic Designer.

In addition to welcoming its newest employees, the District also announced promotions. **Bart Baker** has been named the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for the District. **Toby Stephens** has recently taken over the position of Field Services Manager and is now part of the operations, planning and infrastructure team. **Brenda Spratt** was also promoted and now serves as Director of Financial and Support Services for the District. "We will continue to advocate for the needs of the community and we are now positioned to accomplish many more milestones," said Simpson.

United Applies for Weekly Houston-to-Havana Flight
According to Houston Business Journal, **United Airlines** has submitted a formal application to the U.S. Department of Transportation to gain approval for daily and weekly nonstop flights to Havana, Cuba, from its largest hubs, including Houston's **George Bush Intercontinental Airport**. The Chicago-based airline plans to service one Saturday flight a week from Houston to Havana's José Martí International Airport. "This is a historic moment for our company, our employees and, most importantly, our customers," Oscar Munoz, president and CEO of United Continental Holdings Inc. United has been eager to make flights between the U.S. and Cuba since before the two countries formally signed their agreement last month to clear the way for the first commercial flights between the two countries in more than 50 years.

Springwoods Village Retail Center to Break Ground
According to the Houston Business Journal, Regency Centers Corp., a Florida-based shopping center owner has formed a joint venture with CDC Houston Inc. to develop, own and manage the first grocery-anchored development in Springwoods Village. The Market at Springwoods Village is expected to break ground this month and open in the spring of 2017. It will be at the intersection of Holzwarth Road and the Grand Parkway.

H-GAC Transportation Policy Council Update
The Transportation Policy Council (TPC) approved approximately $1 million in funds to conduct five Livable Centers Initiatives Studies. These studies were selected through a competitive call for projects that began in summer of 2015. An inter-local agreement will be executed between the selected study partners and H-GAC prior to commencement of the studies, and refinements will be made at that time. Studies include the City of Fulshear, International Management District, City of Mont Belvieu, Spring Branch Management District and Westchase Management District. Mr. Jeff Kaufman of H-GAC briefed the TPC on background of the first Regional Safety Council (RSC) and the need for its re-establishment. The purpose of the RSC is to advise the TPC on the development of its safety program, as well as to promote a coordinated response to safety issues such as enhanced safety enforcement.

Mayor Turner Selects New METRO Board Chair
The Houston Chronicle reports that former METRO board member Carrin Patman is returning to the transit agency as Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner's choice for chairwoman. Patman is replacing current chairman Gilbert Garcia and is a partner at Houston-based law firm Bracewell & Giuliani.

Ninth Annual TWFG Muddy Trails Bash
The Ninth Annual TWFG Muddy Trails Bash will be held on Saturday, April 2, 2016, from 3 to 8 p.m., at the 1,700-acre George Mitchell Nature Preserve, located adjacent to Rob Fleming Park in the Village of Creekside Park. Five events will be held at the Bash: chip-timed 5K trail run; chip-timed 10K trail run; 2K-9 fun run for you and your dog; Little Muddy Kids' one-mile fun run and the Muddy Bowl Crawfish Cook-Off. All races will be capped. The post-race party, held at Rob Fleming Park, will include live Zydeco music by the Platinum Players Zydeco Band, children's activities, crawfish plates and the Muddy Bowl Crawfish Cook-Off. All 2016 participants will receive a TWFG Muddy Trails Bash cotton T-shirt, a finisher medal and food and beverages upon completing the race. Concessions will also be available for purchase. Register for the races and download the Muddy Bowl Crawfish Cook-Off application online at www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/muddytrailsbash. Race day registration will only take place if the race is not full.

Member News

Memorial Hermann Health System has named **Dr. Benjamin Chu** as its new President and CEO, replacing Dan Wolterman, who announced his retirement in October and has served as CEO since 2002. Chu, who will start his new role in June, is Memorial Hermann's first physician CEO in the system's history.

Halff is pleased to announce the addition of **James Shanks, PE,** to the Houston office. Joining us with more than 39 years of experience, James will be responsible for business development and management of land and site development projects in the Houston area.

Deborah A. Twigg has joined **R.G. Miller Engineers, Inc.,** as Manager of Human Resources. Ms. Twigg has more than 24 years of experience in the Human Resource field, serving in various

management positions.

LJA Engineering Inc., has recently added two new individuals to their team, **Jacob Clark** as Senior Landscape Architect and Planner and **Marco Villarreal** as Senior Project Manager.

Lone Star College named **Amos McDonald** and **Helen Clougherty** as vice chancellors. McDonald will serve as vice chancellor of Government and Public Relations. Clougherty will serve as vice chancellor and chief of staff. McDonald will lead Government Relations, Community and Government Leadership Development, the North Houston Regional Center for Economic Development, the LSC Small Business Development Center, and the LSC Foundation.

Upcoming Events	Development Trends Committee	Environment Committee	Transportation Committee
Grand Opening of Grand Parkway Luncheon **Date: Tuesday, March 29, 2016** 11:30 am -- 1:15 pm **Speaker:** Commissioner Jeff Moseley, Texas Transportation Commission; Bill Hale, P.E., Chief Engineer, TxDOT **Location:** The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel and Convention Center	**Date: Wednesday, March 23, 2016** 11:30 am – 1:00 pm **Speaker:** Tana Ross, City of Magnolia Economic Development Corporation, and Shannan Reid, Montgomery Economic Development Corporation **Location:** Lone Star College-Greenspoint Center, Room 306	**Date: Thursday, April 7, 2016** 11:30 am – 1:00 pm **Speaker:** Heather Harward, H2O4TEXAS Coalition. "Implementation of the Texas State Water Plan" **Location:** Lone Star College-Greenspoint Center, Room 306	**Date: Wednesday, April 6, 2016** 11:30 am – 1:00 pm **Speaker:** David Hagy, Texas Central Partners **Location:** Lone Star College-Greenspoint Center, Room 306

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